

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

ORDER AMENDING RULE 216

OF THE FAMILY COURT RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

This 30th day of June, 2008, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

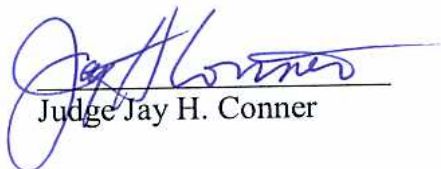
1. Rule 216 (a) of the Family Court Rules of Civil Procedure shall be amended as follows:

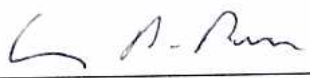
(a) A hearing, which may be held upon motion by the Department or be regularly scheduled by the Court, regarding the permanent placement of the child shall be held not later than 12 months from the time the child has "entered foster care" as defined by rule 209(d), or within thirty (30) days of a judicial determination that reasonable efforts are not required unless the permanency hearing requirements to finalize a permanency plan have been fulfilled at a prior hearing where the Court has determined reasonable efforts to offer reunification services to the parent or parents are not required. At such hearing, the Court shall conduct an age appropriate consultation with the child(ren).

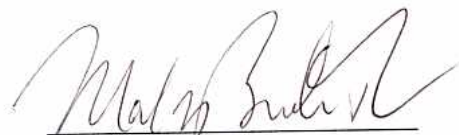
2. This amendment shall take effect 30 days after notice to members of the Bar.

BY THE COURT:

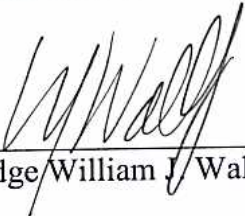

Chandlee Johnson Kuhn
Chief Judge

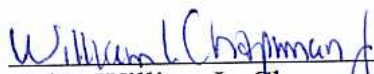

Judge Jay H. Conner


Judge William N. Nicholas


Judge Mark D. Buckworth


Judge Kenneth M. Millman


Judge William J. Walls, Jr.


Judge William L. Chapman, Jr.